Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of February 28, 2010)

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 67,579 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Fifty-three (53) applications have been denied, 59 cards have been revoked, 448 patients have died, and 1,813 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 65,206.
- Seventy-two percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-four patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-nine percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 93 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 27 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-six percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,200 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is $90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from $110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	4,951	8%
Alamosa	91	<1%
Arapahoe	5,900	9%
Archuleta	177	<1%
Baca	42	<1%
Bent	18	<1%
Boulder	6,649	10%
Broomfield	699	1%
Chaffee	234	<1%
Cheyenne	11	<1%
Clear Creek	260	<1%
Conejos	28	<1%
Costilla	47	<1%
Crowley	34	<1%
Custer	39	<1%
Delta	328	1%
Denver	9,783	15%

Dolores	38	<1%
Douglas	2,299	4%
Eagle	993	2%
El Paso	5,327	8%
Elbert	213	<1%
Fremont	402	1%
Garfield	1,108	2%
Gilpin	246	<1%
Grand	298	<1%
Gunnison	297	<1%
Hinsdale	11	<1%
Huerfano	100	<1%
Jackson	11	<1%
Jefferson	7,960	12%
Kiowa	3	<1%
Kit Carson	25	<1%
La Plata	710	1%
Lake	204	<1%
Larimer	5,906	9%
Las Animas	99	<1%
Lincoln	17	<1%
Logan	116	<1%
Mesa	1,570	2%
Mineral	3	<1%
Moffat	84	<1%
Montezuma	216	<1%
Montrose	250	<1%
Morgan	104	<1%
Otero	113	<1%
Ouray	54	<1%
Park	528	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	502	1%
Prowers	25	<1%
Pueblo	921	1%
Rio Blanco	31	<1%
Rio Grande	52	<1%
Routt	439	1%
Saguache	109	<1%
San Juan	10	<1%
San Miguel	224	<1%
Sedgwick	7	<1%
Summit	952	1%
Teller	490	1%
Washington	27	<1%
Weld	2,764	4%
Yuma	32	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	901	1%
Cancer	1,302	2%
Glaucoma	578	1%
HIV/AIDS	406	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,365	27%
Seizures	1,064	2%
Severe Pain	60,924	93%
Severe Nausea	9,285	14%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than
   one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	72%	39
Female	28%	42

** The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.